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1            AN ACT Relating to the designation of the thirteenth day of January  
2 of each year as Korean-American day; amending RCW 1.16.050 and  
3 43.117.070; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in the more than  
6 one hundred years that Koreans have immigrated to the United States,  
7 these immigrants and their descendants have made an invaluable  
8 contribution to our state and nation. Korean-Americans have worked for  
9 many years to better not only their community, but the communities in  
10 which they live and the state as a whole. The legislature further  
11 finds that due to the close friendship between the people of Korea and  
12 the United States, it is fitting to recognize their contributions to  
13 our society in a dignified and fitting manner.

14            **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.16.050 and 2003 c 68 s 2 are each amended to read as  
15 follows:

16            The following are legal holidays:    Sunday; the first day of  
17 January, commonly called New Year's Day; the third Monday of January,  
18 being celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King,

1 Jr.; the third Monday of February to be known as Presidents' Day and to  
2 be celebrated as the anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln and  
3 George Washington; the last Monday of May, commonly known as Memorial  
4 Day; the fourth day of July, being the anniversary of the Declaration  
5 of Independence; the first Monday in September, to be known as Labor  
6 Day; the eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day; the  
7 fourth Thursday in November, to be known as Thanksgiving Day; the day  
8 immediately following Thanksgiving Day; and the twenty-fifth day of  
9 December, commonly called Christmas Day.

10 Employees of the state and its political subdivisions, except  
11 employees of school districts and except those nonclassified employees  
12 of institutions of higher education who hold appointments or are  
13 employed under contracts to perform services for periods of less than  
14 twelve consecutive months, shall be entitled to one paid holiday per  
15 calendar year in addition to those specified in this section. Each  
16 employee of the state or its political subdivisions may select the day  
17 on which the employee desires to take the additional holiday provided  
18 for herein after consultation with the employer pursuant to guidelines  
19 to be promulgated by rule of the appropriate personnel authority, or in  
20 the case of local government by ordinance or resolution of the  
21 legislative authority.

22 If any of the above specified state legal holidays are also federal  
23 legal holidays but observed on different dates, only the state legal  
24 holidays shall be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees of  
25 the state and its political subdivisions except that for port districts  
26 and the law enforcement and public transit employees of municipal  
27 corporations, either the federal or the state legal holiday, but in no  
28 case both, may be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees.

29 Whenever any legal holiday, other than Sunday, falls upon a Sunday,  
30 the following Monday shall be the legal holiday.

31 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding  
32 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

33 Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of  
34 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an  
35 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of  
36 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local  
37 government legislative authority.

1       The legislature declares that the thirteenth day of January shall  
2 be recognized as Korean-American Day but shall not be considered a  
3 legal holiday for any purposes.

4       The legislature declares that the twelfth day of October shall be  
5 recognized as Columbus Day but shall not be considered a legal holiday  
6 for any purposes.

7       The legislature declares that the ninth day of April shall be  
8 recognized as former prisoner of war recognition day but shall not be  
9 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

10       The legislature declares that the twenty-sixth day of January shall  
11 be recognized as Washington army and air national guard day but shall  
12 not be considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

13       The legislature declares that the seventh day of August shall be  
14 recognized as purple heart recipient recognition day but shall not be  
15 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

16       The legislature declares that the second Sunday in October be  
17 recognized as Washington state children's day but shall not be  
18 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

19       The legislature declares that the sixteenth day of April shall be  
20 recognized as Mother Joseph day and the fourth day of September as  
21 Marcus Whitman day, but neither shall be considered legal holidays for  
22 any purpose.

23       The legislature declares that the seventh day of December be  
24 recognized as Pearl Harbor remembrance day but shall not be considered  
25 a legal holiday for any purpose.

26       The legislature declares that the nineteenth day of February be  
27 recognized as civil liberties day of remembrance but shall not be  
28 considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

29       **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.117.070 and 2000 c 236 s 3 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31       (1) The commission shall examine and define issues pertaining to  
32 the rights and needs of Asian Pacific Americans, and make  
33 recommendations to the governor and state agencies with respect to  
34 desirable changes in program and law.

35       (2) The commission shall advise such state government agencies on  
36 the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated

1 policies, plans, and programs focusing on the special problems and  
2 needs of Asian Pacific Americans.

3 (3) The commission shall coordinate and assist with statewide  
4 celebrations during the fourth week of Asian Pacific American Heritage  
5 Month that recognize the contributions to the state by Asian Pacific  
6 Americans in the arts, sciences, commerce, and education.

7 (4) The commission shall coordinate and assist educational  
8 institutions, public entities, and private organizations with  
9 celebrations of Korean-American day that recognize the contributions to  
10 the state by Korean-Americans in the arts, sciences, commerce, and  
11 education.

12 (5) Each state department and agency shall provide appropriate and  
13 reasonable assistance to the commission as needed in order that the  
14 commission may carry out the purposes of this chapter.

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